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§9–946.

The Secretary shall submit a report by December 31 of each year to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of this article, the General Assembly, that includes:

- (1) the number of:
 - (i) requests for help in obtaining benefits;
 - (ii) public contacts made by the Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program;
 - (iii) veterans enrolled in the United States Veterans Health Administration; and
 - (iv) veterans receiving benefits;
 - (2) the average amount of disability and pension benefits received by qualified individuals in this State compared to individuals in other states;
 - (3) an account of the costs of operating the Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program;
 - (4) a status of the accomplishments for, efficacy of, efficiency of, and level of resources available for each of the following programs:
 - (i) cemetery;
 - (ii) memorial;
 - (iii) service;
 - (iv) veterans homes;
 - (v) communications, outreach, and advocacy;
 - (vi) Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program and Fund;
- and

- (vii) veterans' services specialists;
- (5) a general assessment of the status of veterans in the State;
- (6) the estimated impact current military operations are likely to have on the needs of veterans in the future;
- (7) the status of federal veterans programs as they relate to Maryland veterans; and
- (8) any other issues concerning veterans that the Secretary considers appropriate.

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